

# Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

SATURDAY.....JUNE 7.

**Agents for the Free Press.**  
The following gentlemen are authorized to receive and receipt for subscriptions to the Free Press in their respective localities:—  
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## HOME NEWS.

### Just Received!

50 pieces Bishop and Victoria Lawns, 20c and upward. Laces and trimmings to match.  
1000 doz Pure White Pearl Buttons, 15 per cent less than regular prices.  
Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Ties, Collars and Cuffs.  
25 doz 3-Button Kid Gloves, white, opera and colors, 50c per pair, worth \$1.00.  
4 doz Boys' and Youth's Suits, all wool, \$4.50.  
100 Boys' and Youth's Coats in Black Alpaca, Mohair, &c.  
GEO. T. MALONE.

### SHOES—

Ladies' Goat Shoes } Fine  
Ladies' Gaiters } and  
Ladies' Slippers } Cheap  
at G. W. DONALSON'S.

THANKS to Senator Coke for favors.

OUR supplements, though ordered in season, failed to reach us in time for our present issue.

LAKESIDE publications, a fresh assortment, also other new publications, at this office.

WE will take some sheaf oats from our farmer friends who are indebted to this office.

McALLISTER has a new fly-trap for sale. It appears to be a neat and effective "machine."

BRIGGS' Emporium is the place to "show your dimes and reap your dollars." New Goods still coming in and going out to satisfied and happy customers.

THE walls of the first story of Malone's large building are completed and the iron front is being put in position. It already begins to assume an imposing appearance.

THE commencement exercises of Coronado Institute will begin on Thursday next the 12th inst., and continue till the 19th. We were favored with a copy of the programme, but not authorized to publish.

A SHOWER followed in the wake of a furious norther the latter part of last week, but the damage done by the wind about neutralized the benefit of the shower. The nights have been cool since and it is as dry as ever.

PROF. LYONS left with us last week a notice that he would shortly deliver a course of lectures at this place on English Grammar, in which he proposes to simplify the subject to the comprehension of all. By some mischance his notice got mislaid, so we have tried to give the substance. Further notice may be expected from Prof. L.

### Keep Cool.

I have prepared an Ice House for the purpose of supplying San Marcos and vicinity with ice during the hot summer months. Parties wishing the same can be furnished at my place of business on reasonable terms from and after this date. San Marcos May 21st, 1879.

J. R. WILLIAMSON.

SEE advertisement of Joseph Land's Flouring Mills, at New Braunfels. Our people need no introduction from us to this enterprising gentleman as some of them are already his customers and more will be no doubt in consequence of his advertisement in the FREE PRESS.

GRAVES' BATH HOUSE has been put in fair order by Seborn Polk, the freedman who resides on the place. The water is comparatively deep, with a strong current, the place beautifully shaded and secluded. It is indeed a very eligible and pleasant bathing-place. Only five cents for a bath.

## San Marcos as a Home—Attractions General and Special—Its Mountain Division.

Not alone, though mainly, for its matchless river and river springs is the town of San Marcos attractive. Its site is unique and beautiful in many other respects and its material, moral and social surroundings lift it far above the average of Texas towns of its class. Health sits enthroned on her sylvan heights. Education is valued, general good order prevails, honest industry is respected, and intelligence and refinement are by no means strangers in her midst.

The location of the place is all elevated, but about one half of it lies in "the mountains" and is of much greater altitude than the rest. Each division of the town has its beauties and advantages. The old historic part lies nearest the river, and in that and in a richer soil, and in some other respects has the advantage, and the newer part on San Antonio street also has its peculiar attractions. On the other hand the mountain division is more diversified and picturesque in scenery, is exempt from the mud and dust which often render the lower grounds so disagreeable, and is more healthy and pleasant both in summer and winter. We think the superior merits of this division have not as yet met with the appreciation to which they are justly entitled, and hence in part this article.

The highest hills within or near the corporation limits reach some 200 feet and among them are views not only beautiful but grand. These, we doubt not, will ere many years be occupied by fine country seats. There is but one objection to these higher points as places of residence, and that is their ascent is rather rough and toilsome; but art can mitigate these objections. And the glorious sunrises and sunsets as seen from these heights, the grand views of the country, and of the town nestling apparently at your feet, the pure and exhilarating atmosphere, afford ample compensation for the toil and trouble of reaching them.

But the greater portion of the mountain division does not lie so high as to be liable to this objection, while it is high enough to share the main advantages. We have in our mind a portion of this region lying about opposite the centre of the town site which we think offers to-day the most inviting chances of locating pleasant residences to be found in San Marcos. It is, while sufficiently elevated, easy of access and convenient to the business part of the town. There are several tiers of beautiful lots of this character, which we think could be bought very reasonable, any one or two of which would make when improved a very desirable home. They are pleasantly diversified and covered with live oaks, elm, cedars and other indigenous trees and shrubbery. The soil is rocky, but about as productive as any after the rocks are removed.

With all these advantages it has somehow happened that these attractive locations have been lost sight of. But the recent handsome improvements in this direction of Messrs. Daniel, Pendleton and Kennedy, and in the College grounds and their vicinity, have brought this division favorably under notice, so that we feel confident the lots referred to will soon be occupied by actual settlers.

We forgot to state on the subject of convenience of location, that several of the principal streets, having the best side-walks, point directly to the location under notice, affording excellent walks to business, to church, etc. In this respect it is unrivaled. It is also very convenient to the principal schools of the place, by mountain ways exempt from mud at all seasons.

The lots we refer to lie between the properties of Dr. Pendleton and Rev. Mr. Carnahan, and back therefrom. They are unimproved; improvement would add ten-fold to their charms.

Should any one prefer a place partially improved, he could scarcely fail to be pleased with that of S. J. Thomas, adjoining this division, and a little nearer the centre of town, which we understand is for sale. It has a comfortable house on it. When fenced it will be seen to be one of the handsomest and most desirable places in our town. Or if one of the more grand elevated sites we have spoken of, a little further back, is preferred, a purchaser might be suited with the well-improved place of Mr. Rogers, which we believe is also for sale.

There is to our mind something

wonderfully pleasing about this sylvan mountain region, and the idea of being the first to make a home in it—the first to possess its virgin charms and develop others. Then there is a freedom about life here which is peculiar to it, and really refreshing. You are brought nearer to nature, and escape the thralldom of petty conventionalities of country villages. Here the oracular, fussy Mrs. Grundy obtrudes herself less frequently than elsewhere. The scene is friendly to domestic privacy and repose:

"No noisy neighbor enters here,  
No intermeddling stranger near  
To spoil our heart-felt joys."

Here you have many of the advantages of town and country combined, with as few of their disadvantages as may be.

Therefore, and for many other reasons too numerous to mention here, commend us as we commend others, for a home, to the Mountain division of the delectable town of San Marcos, Texas.

### Personals.

Mr. Glascock of Lockhart has been spending some time at Capt. Martin's.

Prof. Stewart left for Austin and the Judd family for Missouri the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs we learn have returned to this place and will make San Marcos their home, at least, for a time.

We had a call this week from Dr. Whitaker, of Mountain City, whom we found to be a very intelligent and agreeable gentleman.

Mr. Manlove was removed to his mother's residence in Mountain City last week, where we have just learned he lies in a very critical condition.

We learn there is a lively competition at the Travis House in big snake stories, and that our friend Lucius Dailey is thus far decidedly ahead.

The only first-class article of ice-cream we have partaken of this year has appeared incidentally at some of our calls at Mrs. Capt. Martin's. Alabama leads thus far.

Cadets Ford Bursleson and Bob Davis have favored us with a complimentary to the commencement exercises of the Texas Military Institute, Austin, which begins on the 10th inst.

We regret to learn of the death of Dr. Thompson, an old and highly respected citizen of this vicinity. He died at Dallas on Saturday night last, and his remains were brought to Austin for interment. We are told he was 78 years of age.

Our worthy correspondent, Dr. C. Erhard, of Bastrop, who was the first Clerk of Hays county, has very appropriately presented his portrait, hand somely framed, to the county, which our present Clerk, Mr. Green, who was Dr. E's assistant twenty years ago has hung in his office, where it attracts much interest. Dr. Erhard was at the same time postmaster and we believe the only merchant in the place, and acquired the respect and confidence of the community by his business integrity, meantime making considerable money, from very small beginnings. He knows more of this county perhaps than any other man, and did good service to it by his historical sketches published in the FREE PRESS. His life has been an eventful one, and highly creditable to his business capacity and enterprise.

### Railroad Operations and Prospects.

It is now believed that New Braunfels will secure a branch railroad to the Sunset route at Marion. We have late and authentic information that the people of that place have subscribed \$12,000 of the \$15,000, required. The right of way is yet to be secured, but no difficulty is apprehended about that.

This branch road, if built, will be a step in favor of the International. The sale of that road will take place July 31, after which it may be expected to move forward. By the way, Mr. Gieson says that Huntington while here told him that while he had no interest in the matter he thought we might have that road here within a year, and certainly would have it within two years. But perhaps the great man was merely indulging in what he knew would be pleasant talk in this locality.

There is nothing so dear as cheap medicine; it is dear at any price. This is true of the large packs of condition powders now sold. Buy Sheridan's Cavalry Condition Powders and you can't make a mistake. The large packs are utterly worthless.

### New Mail Routes.

Uncle Sam being poor, while we in common with country editors generally are suffering from a superabundance of filthy lucre, we volunteer the following advertising for him gratis, being a notice of the letting of two new mail routes which concern this community:

No. 31,622. From San Marcos to Jacob's Well by Fisher's Store to Blanco, 40 miles and back, once a week. Leave San Marcos on Monday, return next day. Bond with bid \$400.

31,623. From San Marcos by Wimberly's Mill to Pecan Valley Ranch, 26 miles and back, once a week: leave Friday return Saturday. Bond \$300. Bids will be open to July 10th.

We are glad to note the establishment of these routes, for they imply the creation of new post offices in localities where they have long been greatly needed.

OUR readers may recollect that some months since we made mention of a call from Mr. Smalley, a traveling correspondent of the New York Tribune, and last week we copied from that paper an introductory notice of the forthcoming letter of said correspondent. We have since read his letter relating to this county, from which we find that he has not realized the programme of fair-dealing anticipated for him by the Tribune. We meant to have copied this week a part of what he said and commented thereon, but want of space compels us to defer it till next week.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES issued during May, 1879:

Oliver L. Johnson, Alma R. Emmonds.  
Daniel Black, Laura E. Null.  
H. M. Burroughs, Kate K. Davis.  
I. F. Cox, Belle Hamilton.  
John M. C. Freeman, Maggie D. Z. Tait.  
Robt P. Jackson, Roxy McQueen.  
Thos. Smith, Lou Kirby.  
Jackson Johns, Emma Martin.

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J E Jernigan.....	\$1.00
Ellison & Smith.....	4.00
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J W Phillips, Ark.....	2.00
Townsend & Thomas.....	4.00
D S Combs.....	2.00
Rev O A Fisher.....	2.00
W M Hooper.....	2.00
W T Good.....	2.00
W J Good.....	2.00
Maj Nance.....	2.00
Joseph Lands, New Braunfels.....	3.00
Dailey & Bros.....	4.00
J W Todd, per McBride.....	2.00
W Fry.....	4.00
R W Leavelle.....	2.00
Elder Williamson.....	1.00
Capt Martin.....	2.00
C W Judd.....	1.00

### Our Clubbing List for 1879.

We are prepared to club the FREE PRESS to new or renewing subscribers with the following publications at the rates specified below, if ordered at the same time with our paper. In the first column we give the regular price of each publication singly, in the second the price of the same and the FREE PRESS together:

	Singly.	With the Free Press.
Littell's Living Age.....	\$3.00	\$5.00
N. Y. Weekly Tribune.....	2.00	3.00
St. Louis Republic.....	1.50	3.00
N. Y. Ledger.....	3.00	4.00
The Graphic (weekly).....	2.50	3.00
Louisville Courier Journal.....	2.00	3.40
Detroit Free Press.....	2.00	3.40
Burlington Hawkeye.....	2.00	3.40
Saturday Evening Post.....	3.00	4.00
New York Observer.....	3.15	4.30
Prairie Farmer.....	2.00	3.00
Colman's Rural World.....	2.00	3.00
Journal of Agriculture.....	2.00	3.00
American Agriculturist.....	1.50	3.15
Scientific American.....	3.00	4.00
Scribner's Monthly.....	4.00	5.00
St. Nicholas.....	3.00	4.00
Atlantic Monthly.....	4.00	5.00
Lippincott's Magazine.....	4.00	5.00
Eclectic Magazine.....	5.00	6.00
Phrenological Journal.....	2.00	3.00
Peterson's Magazine.....	2.00	3.00
Appleton's Journal.....	2.00	3.00
Popular Science Monthly.....	5.00	6.00
International Review.....	4.50	5.15
Magazine of American History.....	4.50	5.15
Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper.....	4.00	5.00
" " Ladies' Journal.....	4.00	5.00
" " Chimney-Corner.....	4.00	5.00
" " other publications at proportionate rates.....		
Harper's Monthly.....	4.00	5.15
" " Weekly.....	4.00	5.00
" " Bazar.....	4.00	5.00
Godey's Lady's Book.....	4.00	5.00
Demorest's Monthly.....	3.00	4.15
The Nursery.....	1.50	3.15
Peterson's Bank Note Detector.....	3.00	4.15
" " Monthly.....	1.50	2.65
" " Monthly.....	1.50	2.65
Home-Journal, New Orleans.....	2.50	3.75
American Union.....	2.50	3.75
Baller's Magazine.....	1.50	3.40
Dittus's Musical Record.....	2.00	3.00

Postage is prepaid on all the above, and premiums sent in some cases. For particulars inquire at this office. We will also order any of the above singly, or any other paper or periodical at publishers' prices, free of charge.

There is no remedy in the world so valuable to be used in the case of sudden accident or illness as Johnson's Anodyne Liniment. It can be used internally and externally, and its power is truly marvelous.

### BUSINESS CARDS.

**MITCHELL & GLOVER, BANKERS,**  
San Marcos, Texas.  
Collections promptly attended to. [August 25-ly]

O. T. BROWN. F. J. MANLOVE.  
**BROWN & MANLOVE, ATTORNEYS AT LAW,**  
SAN MARCOS, HAYS CO., TEXAS.  
Jan. 11-17

W. O. HUTCHISON. THOS. H. FRANKLIN  
**HUTCHISON & FRANKLIN, ATTORNEYS AT LAW,**  
San Marcos, Tex.  
Prompt attention paid to Collecting Claims and Examining Land Titles. [Feb 1-ly]

**S. B. McBRIDE, ATTORNEY AT LAW,**  
San Marcos, Hays County, Texas.  
Will give prompt attention to all legal business offered him, and especially to the collection of claims.

**WOODS & BLAKEMORE, PRACTICING PHYSICIANS!**  
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.  
Office at Drug Store of Reynolds & Daniel. [June 1-ly]

**ISAAC H. JULIAN, NOTARY PUBLIC,**  
Land and General Agent,  
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.  
Letters of inquiry, accompanied by stamp for reply, will receive prompt attention.

**TRAVIS HOUSE!**  
S. W. COR. PLAZA,  
OPPOSITE BALES' STABLE.  
W. Z. DRISKILL, - Proprietor  
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.  
Every effort will be made to give satisfaction to home patrons and the traveling public.

**STERLING FISHER, ATTORNEY AT LAW,**  
General Land and Collecting Agent  
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.  
Office North side Plaza, opposite Court house. Will buy and sell land, examine titles, render assessments, pay taxes, &c. Jan 25-17

**OTTO GRAMM, DRUGGIST.**  
(Successor to A. H. DUNTON & Company.)  
TRAVIS CORNER.  
DEALER IN DRUGS, MEDICINES, PERFUMES, Sponges, Trusses and Surgical Instruments, Oils, Vaseline and Window Glass. Best Wines and Liquors for medicinal purposes. Prescriptions carefully prepared, day and night. San Marcos, June 23.

**J. H. COMBS, DENTAL SURGEON.**  
MECHANICAL and Operative Dentistry in its various branches at reasonable rates. All work done in the neatest style. Discomforts and pain relieved promptly. Relieved, Feb. 1, 1-7

**CHAS. BOOK, DEALER IN—**  
**FAMILY GROCERIES,**  
Has opened at his old stand in San Marcos, where he will keep a full stock of goods in his line, and sell as cheap as the cheapest.  
Brands, Wines, Whisky and Beer always on hand and sold on physicians prescription only.  
Feb. 1-17

**I. H. JULIAN, BOOKSELLER**  
AND  
Newspaper and Periodical Agent  
SAN MARCOS, TEX.  
Will take subscriptions for all the leading newspapers and Magazines, South or North, at publishers' prices, free of charge, or club them with the FREE PRESS at reduced rates. Any book also furnished. Terms Cash in advance. Jan

**WOOTTON HOTEL!**  
I. C. WOOTTON, Proprietor.  
On the Austin road, one block East of the Plaza.  
**SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.**  
This old-established House has just been thoroughly renovated and refurnished. It will be conducted in a

**NEW STYLE**  
(New here, though not generally elsewhere, of serving each guest at table with the standard articles of food, and what else he or she may require, independently of all others. The price of single meals will remain as heretofore, twenty-five cents.)  
One of the principal new features is a  
**STABLE**  
on the premises, where shelter and food for horses, &c., may always be had, at as low rates as can be obtained elsewhere.  
Rev. 6-ly